

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A graphical user interface for displaying hierarchical data, such as
3 extensible markup language (XML) data, in hypertext markup language (HTML)
4 format in a convenient and efficient manner. For data having subordinate data, an
5 actuatable subordinate data indicator is displayed on the user interface. When
6 actuated, the subordinate data is displayed in a similar format as the parent data.
7 Two methods are described for building the tables. A first method initially parses
8 all the data and builds the necessary tables for display. A second method initially
9 parses only the top level of data and then builds subordinate tables as they are
10 requested by a user.

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